

## PARK AND RIDES

A successful transportation system offers various modes of transportation and connections among them. Park and Ride lots are one way of providing links to various modes of travel.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is committed to creating intermodal transportation options. As part of this commitment, there are 25 park and ride lots located throughout New Hampshire. These park and ride lots serve as centralized meeting places where commuters park vehicles and then participate in carpools, vanpools, or use transit services. When lots were monitored in the fall of 2004, 1949 vehicles were using these facilities. Many lots have bicycle racks or lockers for bicycle commuters to use.

Most park and ride lots are maintained as part of the highway system by highway maintenance crews. These costs are not tracked separately, but are estimated to be approximately \$50,000 statewide. The Concord and Portsmouth lots with bus terminals are maintained by the operators of the bus terminals.

Local officials or regional or state transportation plans identify the need for park and ride lots. These facilities are often designed and built as part of a highway improvement at locations such as interchanges that are most convenient for users. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds have been used to build many park and ride lots, since carpool or vanpool formation helps reduce emissions. In some cases highway project funds have been used to construct park and ride lots. The federal share for these projects is 80%, with the 20% match coming from state highway funds.

Park and ride projects are proposed as part of the I-93 widening. Others may not be identified in the project list, but may emerge as the design and preliminary engineering for highway improvements progress.

NHDOT's interest does not stop with the creation of park and ride lots. It is the goal of the NHDOT to promote the use of these lots and ride-sharing throughout the State and beyond. The NH Rideshare Program is dedicated to finding an alternative way for commuters to travel to and from work by providing ride match information. The intent is to bring commuters together by geographical computer matching. A match can be made using the trip's place of origin, the destination, and the commuters' similar work schedules.

In addition, the NHDOT and the New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions are working together with employers, chambers of commerce, and Transportation Management Associations to encourage ridesharing and implement a statewide ridesharing system. Ride sharing saves the user money, lessens congestion, saves energy, and lessens the burden on the environment.

Please refer to the accompanying map for the official park and ride lot locations in the State of New Hampshire. The table on the following page also identifies facility locations.



Town	Location
Barrington	NH 9, West of Junction of NH 9 & 125, across from Calef's Country Store
Boscawen	US 4, West of I-93, Exit 17
Bow	NH 3A at Junction of I-89 & I-93
Chesterfield	NH 9, Gorge Rest Area/State Park
Concord	NH 13, Clinton Street at I-89, Exit 2
Concord	Stickney Avenue at I-93, Exit 14
Epping	NH 125, near Junction of NH 125 101, Exit 7 off NH 101
Hampstead	Junction of NH 111 & 121
Hampton	I-95 exit 2, 101 East, Exit 13, Rt. 27
Hillsborough	NH 9/202 at Old Henniker Rd
Hooksett	I-93, Exit 11 (Hooksett Toll Booth)
Lee	US 4 West of Lee Traffic Circle @ Sugar Shack
Londonderry	NH 102 at I-93, Exit 4
Lyme	Thetford Village Road off NH 10
Nashua 5W	NH 111 at West Hollis Street/Public Works Garage, FE Everett Turnpike, Exit 5W
Nashua 7E	NH 101A at St. Laurent St. at Comfort Inn/99 Restaurant, FE Everett Turnpike, Exit 7E
Nashua 8	North Southwood Drive, FE Everett Turnpike, Exit 8
New Hampton	NH 104, I-93, Exit 23, Left before Irving Gas
New London	NH 103A, I-89, Exit 12
Plaistow	Westville Road off NH 125
Portsmouth	NH 33 at I-95, Exit 3
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Transportation Center, I-95, Exit 3
Tilton	US 3, East of I-93, Exit 20
Warner	NH 103, I-89, Exit 9
Windham	NH 111 at I-93, west of Exit 3

